

REMARKS

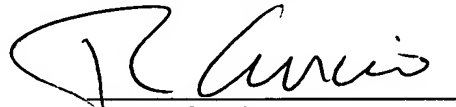
Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Allowed Claims

The Examiner has allowed claims 18 and 19, drawn to a method of forming a replacement gate structure for CMOS devices on a semiconductor wafer. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's review and allowance. Applicants have canceled the remaining rejected claims in this application (claims 1-17 and 20), which will be addressed in a concurrently filed continuation application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the entire case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,




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